

## Sources: Nuclear docs part of Trump search

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WASHINGTON — Classified documents relating to nuclear weapons were among the items FBI agents sought in a search of former president Donald Trump's Florida residence on Monday, according to people familiar with the investigation.

Experts in classified information said the unusual search underscores deep concern among government officials about the types of information they thought could be located at Trump's Mar-a-Lago Club and potentially in danger of falling into the wrong hands.

The people who described some of the material that agents were seeking spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss an ongoing investigation. They did not offer additional details about what type of information the agents were seeking, including whether it involved weapons belonging to the United States or some other nation. Nor did they say if such documents were recovered as part of the search. A Trump spokesman did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The Justice Department and FBI declined to comment.

Attorney General Merrick Garland said he could not discuss the investigation on Thursday. But in an unusual public statement at the Justice Department, he announced he had personally authorized the decision to seek court permission for a search warrant.

Garland spoke moments after Justice Department lawyers filed a motion seeking to

unseal the search warrant in the case, noting that Trump had publicly revealed the search shortly after it happened.

"The public's clear and powerful interest in understanding what occurred under these circumstances weighs heavily in favor of unsealing," the motion says. "That said, the former President should have an opportunity to respond to this Motion and lodge objections, including with regards to any 'legitimate privacy interests' or the potential for other 'injury' if these materials are made public."

Late Thursday night, Trump said on social media that he agreed the document should be made public. In another post early Friday, he called the nuclear weapons issue a "hoax" and accused the FBI of planting evidence, without offering information to indicate such a thing had happened. Trump said agents did not allow his lawyers to be present for the search, which is not unusual in a law enforcement operation, especially if it potentially involves classified items.

Material about nuclear weapons is especially sensitive and usually restricted to a small number of government officials, experts said. Publicizing details about U.S. weapons could provide an intelligence road map to adversaries seeking to build ways of countering those systems. And other countries might view exposing their nuclear secrets as a threat, experts said.

One former Justice Department official, who in the past oversaw investigations of leaks of classified information, said the type

of top-secret information described by the people familiar with the probe would probably cause authorities to try to move as quickly as possible to recover sensitive documents that could cause grave harm to U.S. security.

"If that is true, it would suggest that material residing unlawfully at Mar-a-Lago may have been classified at the highest classification level," said David Laufman, the former chief of the Justice Department's counterintelligence section, which investigates leaks of classified information. "If the FBI and the Department of Justice believed there were top secret materials still at Mar-a-Lago, that would lend itself to greater 'hair-on-fire' motivation to recover that material as quickly as possible."

The Monday search of Trump's home by FBI agents has caused a political furor, with Trump and many of his Republican defenders accusing the FBI of acting out of politically motivated malice. Some have threatened the agency on social media.

In his statement on Thursday, Garland defended FBI agents as "dedicated, patriotic public servants" and said he would not "stand by silently when their integrity is unfairly attacked . . . Every day they protect the American people from violent crime, terrorism and other threats to their safety while safeguarding our civil rights. They do so at great personal sacrifice and risk to themselves. I am honored to work alongside them."

## CDC relaxes rules on quarantining, social distancing

*Associated Press*

NEW YORK — The nation's top public health agency relaxed its COVID-19 guidelines Thursday, dropping the recommendation that Americans quarantine themselves if they come into close contact with an infected person.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also said people no longer need to stay at least 6 feet away from others.

The changes, which come more than 2½ years after the start of the pandemic, are driven by a recognition that an estimated 95% of

Americans 16 and older have acquired some level of immunity, either from being vaccinated or infected, agency officials said.

Many places around the country long ago abandoned social distancing and other once-common precautions, but some of the changes could be particularly important for schools, which resume classes this month in many parts of the country.

Perhaps the biggest education-related change is the end of the recommendation that schools do routine daily testing, although that practice can be reinstated in cer-

tain situations during a surge in infections, officials said.

The CDC also dropped a "test-to-stay" recommendation, which said students exposed to COVID-19 could regularly test — instead of quarantining at home — to keep attending school. With no quarantine recommendation anymore, the testing option disappeared too.

Masks continue to be recommended only in areas where community transmission is deemed high, or if a person is considered at high risk of severe illness.

# Guard sending units new COVID vaccine

BY ROSE L. THAYER  
*Stars and Stripes*

The National Guard began shipping the newly approved Novavax coronavirus vaccine this month to its units across the country in an effort to appeal to those service members resisting previously released vaccines.

The National Guard Bureau said Thursday that the vaccines, which are based on more traditional technology, should arrive at units this month. It will take about 90 days to get reportable data on troops' acceptance of the shot, bureau officials said.

It is more than a month past the Guard's

June 30 deadline to be immunized against the coronavirus and about 10% of the 336,000 Army National Guard troops, or approximately 33,600 members, have not received at least one vaccine shot. In the total Guard force of 440,000 soldiers and airmen, about 39,600 remain unvaccinated, according to the National Guard Bureau.

Unvaccinated Guard troops have been cut off from some of their benefits and barred from participating in federal training, drills and other military duties. The Guard has not announced any separations that have resulted from refusing the vaccine.

Novavax uses a two-dose regimen, which is similar to the more popular vaccines made by Pfizer and Moderna, though the way it builds immunity in the body is different. Novavax uses proteins to deliver the virus, while the other two vaccines use a new technology known as mRNA.

Many seeking religious exemptions from the vaccines have done so because mRNA vaccine technology was developed or tested with fetal cell lines derived from elective abortions that occurred in the 1970s and 1980s, according to UCLA Health. However, none of the vaccines contain aborted fetal cells.

# Army making its 1st official uniform bra

*The Washington Post*

When Sarah Hoyt arrived at Fort Jackson, S.C., for basic training in 2002, the Army confiscated all of her personal belongings. That included sports bras she had packed for the 10 weeks of strenuous physical activity that stretched ahead of her, she said.

If she wanted new ones, she had to visit a reception station, which sold just one brand and one style, said Hoyt, now 41 and an Army veteran living at Camp Humphreys, South Korea.

"If racerbacks were uncomfortable for you, too bad. If you needed more support, too bad. If the store was out of your size, too bad," she said.

So for the first few days of the training program, Hoyt pushed through the discomfort of too-small bras as she cycled through situps, pushups and two-mile runs. "I was very uncomfortable, to put it mildly," she said. "They did a good job of putting the girls down, but it was so tight."

Now 20 years later, the Army is poised to offer its first official uniform bra in an effort to address challenges like the ones Hoyt faced, as well as equip female soldiers with better options for combat and training use.

"The overall goal is to produce garments that not only protect the user, but reduce the cognitive burden on the female Soldier caused by discomfort and ill fit," clothing designer and project lead Ashley Cushon

told Army AL&T magazine. "Achieving this will improve the Soldier's overall readiness and performance levels, allowing them to focus on their mission."

Four prototypes of the bra, known as the Army Tactical Brassiere (ATB), are in development at the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Soldier Center in Natick, Mass., and final concepts will be presented to the Army Uniform Board for approval in the fall. The designs all offer flame-retardant protection and vary in other features, which include pull-over and front-closure styles, structured and contoured seams, adjustable straps, padded cups, mesh venting and an inner dog-tag pocket.

# US, Indonesian leaders watch live-fire finale

BY SETH ROBSON  
*Stars and Stripes*

BATURAJA TRAINING AREA, Indonesia — The top U.S. commander in the Indo-Pacific joined the head of Indonesia's armed forces atop a five-story tower Friday to watch their troops fire a lethal fireworks display, including Javelin anti-tank missiles and machine guns.

Artillery sounded in the distance and AH-64 Apache helicopter gunships sliced through the sky overhead.

The drill was the largest live-fire event of Super Garuda Shield, two weeks of field

training on Sumatra by 2,000 U.S. and 2,000 Indonesian troops and smaller contingents from a dozen other nations. The exercise began Aug. 1 and officially concludes Sunday.

Adm. John Aquilino, the head of Indo-Pacific Command, arrived that morning at Baturaja, Indonesia's largest military training area, and was greeted by Gen. Muhammad Andika Perkasa of the Indonesian National Armed Forces.

Aquilino took up a familiar refrain in his remarks to reporters afterward.

Peace and prosperity in the region have "been in place for 80 years and underlined

by the-rules based order," he said. "This exercise is part of that."

It also strengthens ties between the two countries' militaries as potential adversaries in the regions, especially China, become more aggressive.

Super Garuda Shield overlapped with a weeklong series of exercises by China's armed forces around Taiwan that also included live fire of artillery and ballistic missiles. China's exercises began Aug. 4 in response to U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan on Aug. 3 and concluded Thursday.

# Democrats near vote for climate, health package

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Democrats pushed their flagship climate change and health care bill toward House passage Friday, placing President Joe Biden on the brink of a back-from-the-dead triumph on his leading domestic goals that could energize his party going into November's elections.

Democrats were poised to muscle the measure through the narrowly divided House Friday over solid Republican opposition. They employed similar party unity and Vice President Kamala Harris' tiebreaking vote Sunday to power the measure through.

The package is but a shadow of the far larger, more ambitious plan to supercharge federal environment and social programs that Biden and his party envisioned early last year. That crashed after centrist Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., said it was too costly, underscoring the leverage every Democrat has in the evenly divided Senate in which every Republican was opposed.

Ultimately, Democrats thirsty to declare victory capped months of often bitter infighting and forged a more modest compromise that still addresses top-tier party goals such as reining in pharmaceutical costs, taxing large companies and, especially, curbing carbon emissions. They hope it will show they can wring accomplishments from an often fractiously gridlocked Wash-

ington that alienates many voters.

"For too long, too many people in this country have felt like the work that happens in Washington isn't meant to help them," said Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass. "No more. That time is over."

The bill's pillar is about \$375 billion over 10 years to encourage industry and consumers to shift from carbon-emitting to cleaner forms of energy, hailed by experts as Congress' biggest climate investment ever. That includes \$4 billion added to cope with the West's catastrophic drought.

In a pair of top Democratic health priorities, another \$64 billion would help 13 million people pay premiums over the next three years for privately bought health insurance. Medicare would gain the power to negotiate its costs for pharmaceuticals, initially in 2026 for only 10 drugs. Medicare beneficiaries' out-of-pocket prescription costs would be limited to \$2,000 starting in 2025, and starting next year they would pay no more than \$35 monthly for insulin.

It's unclear whether voters will reward Democrats for the legislation after months of painfully high inflation. Though record gasoline prices have dipped, Biden's popularity dangles damagingly low and midterm elections have a consistent history of ending careers of lawmakers from the party that holds the White House.

# Suspect in FBI breach may be tied to Jan. 6

*Associated Press*

WILMINGTON, Ohio — Authorities are investigating the motives of an armed man who they say tried to breach the FBI's Cincinnati office, fled and died hours later in a rural standoff with law enforcement, a case unfolding as the FBI warns agents to take extra precautions amid increased social media threats to its employees and facilities.

Officials have warned of a rise in threats against federal agents in the days following a search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida.

In the Cincinnati case, officials said a man tried to breach the visitor's screening area at the FBI office Thursday morning and fled when agents confronted him. He was later spotted by a state trooper along Interstate 71 and fired shots as the trooper chased him, said Lt. Nathan Dennis, an Ohio State Highway Patrol spokesperson.

The suspect eventually got out of his car on a rural road, exchanged gunfire with police and was injured, Dennis said. No one else was hurt.

Attempted negotiations failed, and police tried unsuccessfully to use unspecified "less lethal tactics," but the suspect was shot when he raised a gun toward officers, Dennis said. The man died at the scene.

Dennis said he couldn't comment Thursday on whether the suspect said anything to officers during the standoff.

The man is believed to have been in Washington in the days leading up to the Jan. 6, 2021, riot and may have been present at the Capitol on the day of the attack, according to a law enforcement official briefed on the matter. The official could not discuss details of the investigation.

The suspect was identified as Ricky Shiffer, 42, according to the law enforcement official. He was not charged with any crimes in connection with the Jan. 6 attack, the official said. Federal investigators are examining whether Shiffer may have had ties to far-right extremist groups, including the Proud Boys, the official said.

There have been growing threats in recent days against FBI agents and offices across the country after federal agents executed a search warrant at Mar-a-Lago. On Gab, a social media site popular with white supremacists and antisemites, users have warned they are preparing for an armed revolution.

# Polio detected in NYC's sewage, suggesting virus circulating

*Associated Press*

NEW YORK — The polio virus has been found in New York City's wastewater in another sign that the disease, which hadn't been seen in the U.S. in a decade, is quietly spreading among unvaccinated people, health officials said Friday.

The presence of the poliovirus in the city's wastewater suggests likely local circulation of the virus, the city and New York state health departments said.

State Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett said the detection of poliovirus in wastewater samples in New York City is alarming but not surprising.

The announcement about the discovery

of the polio virus in New York City comes shortly after British health authorities reported finding evidence the virus has spread in London but found no cases in people.

In New York, one person suffered paralysis weeks ago because of a polio infection in Rockland County, north of the city. Wastewater samples collected in June in both Rockland and adjacent Orange County were found to contain the virus.

Most people infected with polio have no symptoms but can still give the virus to others for days or weeks.

Vaccination offers strong protection.

# Africa to receive Ukraine grain shipment

Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — A ship approached Ukraine on Friday to pick up wheat for hungry people in Ethiopia, in the first food delivery to Africa under a U.N.-brokered plan to unblock grain trapped by Russia's war and bring relief to some of the millions worldwide on the brink of starvation.

For months, fighting and a Russian blockade meant grain produced in Ukraine, known as the world's breadbasket, piled up in silos, sending food prices sky-high and leading to hunger in Africa, the Middle East and parts of Asia. In recent days, several ships carrying grain have left Ukrainian ports under the new deal —

but most of the shipments were of animal feed and went to Turkey or Western Europe.

But on Friday, European Council President Charles Michel announced that the first shipment by the U.N.'s World Food Program of humanitarian aid for Africa would soon load and then depart. In the afternoon, MarineTraffic, a tracking website, showed the ship headed toward southern Ukraine.

Michel said the ship would bring grain to Ethiopia, saying "cooperation of all involved actors is key" to alleviating food shortages and hunger around the world. The Brave Commander was expected to

carry take more than 23,000 metric tons, according to Ukraine's Infrastructure Ministry — only a tiny portion of the some 20 million tons of grain that has languished in Ukraine. The ship was expected to dock in the Horn of Africa nation of Djibouti.

Ethiopia, along with neighboring Somalia and Kenya, is in the grips of the driest drought in four decades in the Horn of Africa. Thousands of people across the region have died from hunger or illness this year. Forecasts for the coming weeks indicate that for the first time, a fifth straight rainy season will fail to materialize. Millions of livestock, the basis of many families' wealth and food security, have died.

## 'Incarcerated person' to replace 'inmate' in NY

AP/Report for America

ALBANY, N.Y. — New York has amended several state laws to remove the word "inmate" and replace it with "incarcerated person" to refer to people serving prison time.

The changes, signed into law Monday by Gov. Kathy Hochul, are intended to reduce the stigma of being in jail. Prison reform advocates have said the term "inmate" has a dehumanizing effect. Prisoners say it can feel degrading when jail guards refer to them as inmates, especially in front of their families during in-person visits.

"Language matters," said state Sen. Gustavo Rivera, a Bronx Democrat who sponsored the bill. "This is another concrete step our state is taking to make our criminal justice system one that focuses on rehabilitation, rather than relying solely on punishment."

Republicans ridiculed the measure as coddling criminals.

"Parading around a bill that removes the word 'inmate' from legal materials at a time when crime in New York continues to spike at an alarming rate shows you a lot about how misguided the Democrats' agenda is," said

Assemblymember Chris Tague, a Republican from Schoharie, a town west of Albany.

The change is the latest in the state legislature's history of amending terms in state law that may be seen as outdated or offensive.

Last month, Hochul signed legislation replacing the term "mentally retarded," or other variations, with "developmentally disabled" in state law. In 2018, the legislature passed a law replacing all instances of the words "fireman" or "policeman" with gender-neutral terms like "firefighter" or "police officer" in official documents and laws.

Michel DeGraff, a professor of linguistics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said, "word choice to describe certain individuals does matter. Especially when it comes to individuals who are vulnerable in any way."

Hochul said social justice and safety can go hand-in-hand.

"By treating all New Yorkers with dignity and respect, we can improve public safety while ensuring New Yorkers have a fair shot at a second chance," she said in a statement.

## Domino's quits Italy after locals shun American pies

Bloomberg

Domino's Pizza Inc.'s footprint in the home of pizza proved to be short lived with Italians favoring local restaurants over the American version.

The last of Domino's 29 branches have closed after the company started operations in the country seven years ago. It borrowed heavily for plans to open 880 stores, but faced tough competition from local restaurants expanding delivery services during the pandemic and sought protection from creditors after running out of cash and falling behind on its debt obligations.

The U.S. chain entered Italy in 2015 through a franchising agreement with ePizza and planned to distinguish itself by providing a structured national delivery service along with American-style toppings including pineapple.

Its ambitious expansion ran into trouble as traditional pizza makers scaled up deliveries or signed deals with third-party services such as Deliveroo, Just Eat Takeaway.com or Glovo to bring their products to customers' homes amid restrictions.

"We attribute the issue to the significantly increased level of

competition in the food delivery market with both organized chains and 'mom & pop' restaurants delivering food, to service and restaurants reopening post pandemic and consumers out and about with revenge spending," ePizza said in a report to investors accompanying its fourth-quarter 2021 results.

U.S. and Italian representatives for ePizza and Domino's didn't respond to messages seeking comment. Calls to all 13 remaining Domino's locations in Italy went unanswered. The company had already reduced operations in the country from its peak in 2020 and stopped offering delivery from its website on July 29.

Still, the closures came as a surprise to some of its customers, who turned to the chain's Italian social-media channels questioning why their calls and orders weren't going through or why their local store had shut.

It followed an April tribunal in Milan that granted the company court protection against creditors for 90 days, according to an ePizza filing. The measures, which prevented lenders from demanding debt repayment or seizing company assets, expired on July 1.

## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

### Attendant suffers broken back in landing

**TX** DALLAS — A Southwest Airlines flight attendant suffered a compression fracture to a vertebra in her back during a hard landing last month in California, according to federal safety investigators.

The National Transportation Safety Board said the impact of landing was so hard that the flight attendant thought the plane had crashed. She felt pain in her back and neck and could not move, and was taken to a hospital where she was diagnosed with the fracture.

The NTSB said none of the other 141 people on board the plane were injured in the incident at John Wayne Airport in Santa Ana, Calif.

### Semitrailer turns over, spilling cases of beer

**KY** LOUISVILLE — A semitrailer loaded with beer turned over in Kentucky on Wednesday, spilling cases just off an interstate ramp.

The truck crashed around 8:50 a.m. while traveling from the Interstate 71 ramp to I-265 in northeastern Louisville, news outlets reported.

The truck spilled its entire cargo of Bud Light, most of it ending up in the median between the ramp and I-265.

Louisville police said there were no injuries.

### 'Golden Girls' pop-up eatery has golden touch

**CA** BEVERLY HILLS. — Picture it: A vacant Beverly Hills bistro has been transformed into the set of

a 1980s sitcom about four women living in Miami — but it's also a working restaurant.

Reservations have been going fast at the newly opened The Golden Girls Kitchen. Some patrons have come from out of state to see the pop-up eatery.

Thirty years after "The Golden Girls" ended on NBC, fans still can't let go of the sitcom about four housemates — Dorothy, Rose, Blanche and Sophia — bonding over aging, dating and cheesecake.

The first month of reservations sold out before the pop-up opened July 30, which the internet deems National Golden Girls Day. It's just the latest example of the comedy rising to pop culture relevancy again.

In just the past few months, the first ever Golden-Con fan convention was held in Chicago and a pilot for an animated, futuristic "Golden Girls" series is being shopped around.

### Farm fined after waste release causes fish kill

**GA** WASHINGTON — A dairy farm has been fined after a release of food waste caused a fish kill, a rare instance of government getting involved with a practice that counties can't regulate despite complaints from residents.

WAGA-TV reported that the Georgia Environmental Protection Division fined McAvoy Farms, also known as Mar Leta Farms, \$5,000 after nearly 1,700 fish died in the Little River in Wilkes County on June 16.

The division found that 1.2 million gallons of sludge and other food byproducts overflowed a lagoon into a farm pond and then to a creek over a six-

week period.

Farmers accept the byproducts as what's called a soil amendment, which can be used in place of traditional fertilizer. But critics call it industrial waste because it's made up of byproducts from poultry and other food processing plants, waste such as chicken blood or water used to rinse equipment.

### Man charged after woman run over in lot

**MI** KALAMAZOO — A southwestern Michigan man was arrested and charged with first-degree homicide after intentionally running over a 65-year-old woman in a Walmart parking lot Tuesday, authorities said.

The woman was walking in the lot in Oshtemo Township around 12:10 p.m. when a car driven by a 32-year-old Kalamazoo man intentionally hit her, deputies with the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office said.

The victim was rushed to a hospital where she was pronounced dead. Her name was not immediately released.

The man and the woman did not know each other, deputies said.

A motive for the man's actions was not disclosed. It wasn't clear how deputies knew those actions were intentional.

### Masks to be required again in park buildings

**TN** GATLINBURG — Masks will once again be required for visitors inside all Great Smoky Mountains National Park buildings due to the high transmission of the COVID-19 outbreak.

According to the park's website, the mask mandate will apply to all visitors regardless of vaccination status.

The policy was put in place to be "consistent with (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) guidance regarding areas of substantial or high transmission," the website said.

The CDC's website shows that Blount, Cocke and Sevier counties, which encompass the park in Tennessee, are currently considered high risk areas. In North Carolina, Swain and Haywood counties that also connect to the park are considered medium risk.

As of Wednesday, researchers from Johns Hopkins say there were roughly 431 cases per 100,000 people in Tennessee over the past two weeks, which ranks 28th in the country for new cases per capita.

### Historic flour mill is destroyed in fire

**OR** PENDLETON — A historic flour mill in northeast Oregon was destroyed in a fire Wednesday morning.

According to the Pendleton Police Department, the fire at the Grain Craft Flour Mill in Pendleton started around 2:55 p.m. Tuesday, KHQ reported.

The Pendleton Fire Department responded to a report of visible black smoke and quickly extinguished a small fire. Officials say the fire reignited around 4 a.m. Wednesday and the building was soon fully engulfed, because of the amount of dry grain in the mill.

Grain Craft officials said no injuries have been reported.

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# Cubs top Reds in 'Field of Dreams' game

Associated Press

DYERSVILLE, Iowa — Standing among rows of Iowa cornstalks, Nico Hoerner had Johnny Bench on his left and Billy Williams right next to him.

"Pretty incredible," Hoerner said.

For sure. Even for a "Field of Dreams."

Led by Drew Smyly and a 10-hit attack, the Chicago Cubs beat the Cincinnati Reds 4-2 on Thursday night in Major League Baseball's second "Field of Dreams" game.

Nick Madrigal had three hits for Chicago in a throwback ballpark a short walk away from the main field for the 1989 movie. Smyly (5-6) pitched five scoreless innings and Ian Happ had two hits, including an RBI double that drove in Hoerner during a fast start for the Cubs.

"The atmosphere was amazing," Chicago manager David

Ross said. "Really cool event."

The night began with Hall of Famer Ken Griffey Jr. and his father emerging from the iconic outfield cornstalks for their own version of a memorable scene from the film, delighting the sellout crowd of 7,823.

"Hey Dad, do you wanna have a catch?" Junior asked.

"I'd like that," Senior said.

The Griffeyes then played catch as more parents and children joined them on the field with their own balls and gloves, followed by the Cubs and Reds, dressed in special uniforms inspired by how the franchises looked in the early 20th century.

Williams and Bench were among a group of Hall of Famers from each franchise that also joined the festivities. Bench stood behind the plate for a ceremonial first pitch from Fergie Jenkins.

"What they've done here is incredible. ... I think every baseball player should experience this," Reds third baseman Kyle Farmer said.

Backed by Chicago's three-run first, Smyly improved to 3-1 with a 2.49 ERA in his past four starts. The left-hander allowed four hits and walked two while celebrating the fifth birthday for his daughter, Parker.

Rowan Wick worked the ninth for his seventh save.

"A game like this ... you just feel like a kid again," Smyly said. "You're just out there playing baseball in the middle of Iowa."

Cincinnati dropped its fourth straight game. Matt Reynolds hit a two-run double in the seventh, but the last-place Reds went down in order in the final two innings.

Major League Baseball returned to Dyersville — popula-

tion of about 4,400 — after its first "Field of Dreams" game was a smashing success. The Chicago White Sox topped the New York Yankees 9-8 on Tim Anderson's electric homer last year in the first MLB game in Iowa.

The sequel lacked the drama of the original version. Chicago and Cincinnati dropped out of contention a long time ago, and the Cubs grabbed control right at the start against Nick Lodolo (3-4).

Seiya Suzuki and Happ each hit an RBI double in the first, and Hoerner had a run-scoring single. The rally started after Lodolo retired the first two batters.

"I didn't make pitches when I needed to when I was ahead in the count," Lodolo said.

Madrigal tacked on an RBI single for a 4-0 lead in the fourth.

# Valdez, AL-best Astros roll past Rangers

Associated Press

HOUSTON — After moving one-half game ahead of the slumping New York Yankees for the AL's best record with a win over the Texas Rangers, the Houston Astros were already looking ahead to their next challenge.

They are determined to play better against the visiting Athletics this weekend after the AL West bottom-dwellers swept them in Oakland late last month.

"There's a lot of baseball left and we've got to keep working," catcher Martin Maldonado said. "We've got a new series coming up and we've got to take that series more seriously after we got swept by them last time. We've got ... to have that winning mentality, especially in those three games."

Framber Valdez threw seven shutout innings, Maldonado and Alex Bregman homered with three RBIs each, and the Astros

beat the Rangers 7-3 on Thursday in manager Dusty Baker's return after he missed five games with COVID-19.

Valdez (11-4) allowed four singles and struck out eight to get his third straight win as the Astros improved to 72-41.

**Marlins 3, Phillies 0:** Edward Cabrera pitched effectively into the sixth inning, Tanner Scott worked in and out of trouble in the ninth, and visiting Miami ended Philadelphia's seven-game winning streak.

Scott struck out pinch-hitter J.T. Realmuto with two men on to end the eighth. In the ninth, he loaded the bases on two singles and a walk, but he struck out Edmundo Sosa and Matt Vierling and got Brandon Marsh to weakly ground out, earning his 16th save in a 39-pitch outing.

**Guardians 4, Tigers 3 (10):** Rookie Oscar Gonzalez knocked in the go-ahead run

with a two-out single in the 10th inning and visiting Cleveland extended its winning streak to five games.

Gonzalez's hit off Gregory Soto (2-7) allowed the Guardians to escape after they squandered a two-run lead in the ninth.

**Royals 5, White Sox 3:** Zack Greinke held visiting Chicago scoreless into the seventh inning as Kansas City took three of four in the series.

Greinke allowed nine hits but didn't walk a batter, striking out five while throwing 95 pitches in 6½ innings.

**Rockies 8, Cardinals 6:** Brendan Rodgers and Ryan McMahon hit back-to-back home runs in a six-run seventh inning, and host Colorado held off St. Louis.

The Rockies overcame three more hits from Paul Goldschmidt, including his 27th home run.

**Diamondbacks 9, Pirates 3:**

Emmanuel Rivera homered and hit a two-run double in the seventh inning to help blow open a close game as host Arizona beat Pittsburgh.

Trailing 3-2 in the seventh, Arizona tied it on Alek Thomas' bases-loaded groundout off Chase De Jong (4-1). Rivera followed with his double off Yerry De Los Santos and Daulton Varsho hit a three-run double high off the wall in center to put Arizona up 8-3.

**Red Sox 4, Orioles 3:** Eric Hosmer hit a go-ahead RBI double in the sixth inning just after Baltimore rallied to tie it, and visiting Boston held on to snap a four-game losing streak.

Tommy Pham and Alex Verdugo also had RBI doubles for Boston, which had lost six of seven and was in danger of carrying a five-game skid into a weekend series with the AL East-leading New York Yankees.

# Source: Watson OK with sitting 8 games

Associated Press

Cleveland Browns quarterback Deshaun Watson would accept an eight-game suspension and \$5 million fine to avoid missing the entire NFL season, a person familiar with his defense told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Watson, who is facing a potential year-long ban for sexual misconduct, would agree to a lesser penalty in a settlement, said the person who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the case.

The biggest question is whether the NFL would make this compromise.

A settlement between Watson and the league has always been possible, but it's not clear if the sides are in active discussions.

The NFL is seeking a minimum suspension of 17 games, a significant fine over \$5 million

and wants Watson to be required to undergo evaluation and treatment as determined by medical experts before he could be reinstated.

An independent arbitrator suspended Watson, accused of lewd sexual behavior during massage appointments with two dozen women while he played for the Houston Texans, six games for violating the league's personal conduct policy on Aug. 1.

The league felt the punishment wasn't enough and appealed retired federal judge Sue L. Robinson's ruling two days later.

Asked Tuesday at the owner's meetings why the appeal was filed, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said: "Because we've seen the evidence."

"She (Robinson) was very clear about the evidence. She reinforced the evidence, that

there was multiple violations here and they were egregious, and that it was predatory behavior," Goodell added.

"Those were always things we felt was really important for us to address and in a way that's responsible."

Watson's case now rests with Peter C. Harvey, a former New Jersey Attorney General appointed last week by Goodell to handle the league's appeal. Harvey's decision could come at any time.

Harvey's decision "will be binding," per the collective bargaining agreement. However, the NFL Players Association could try to challenge his ruling in federal court. A settlement would avoid that.

Meanwhile, Watson was scheduled to make his debut for the Browns on Friday night in their exhibition opener at Jacksonville. The three-time Pro

Bowler has continued to practice during his high-profile case, which has brought renewed criticism of the league's handling of player discipline.

The Browns, who have spent years looking for a franchise QB, traded three first-round draft picks to Houston in March for Watson and then signed him to a five-year, \$230 million contract.

Cleveland's plan all along has been to play Jacoby Brissett, who has made 37 career starts, while Watson serves a suspension. However, that could change if Watson is out much longer or for the entire 2022 season.

One possible option for the Browns could be Jimmy Garoppolo, who has been supplanted as San Francisco's starter by Trey Lance and is expected to be either traded or waived this month by the 49ers.

# Ravens stretch preseason winning streak to 21

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Tyler Huntley went 16-for-18 passing for 110 yards and a touchdown in the first half, and the Baltimore Ravens extended their record streak of preseason victories to 21 with a 23-10 win over the Tennessee Titans on Thursday night.

Rookie quarterback Malik Willis ran for a touchdown for the Titans, but Huntley put Baltimore ahead to stay with a 14-yard scoring strike to Shemar Bridges in the final minute of the second quarter.

Bridges, an undrafted rookie out of Fort Valley State, had four catches for 62 yards.

"I like Shemar," Ravens coach John Harbaugh said. "He's a big, physical guy. He goes up and gets the ball, he posts a lot of good speeds in practice, he plays hard on special teams in practice."

Lamar Jackson and Derrick

Henry were among the standouts who didn't play Thursday. Huntley was Jackson's top backup last season and made four starts. He was sharp in this preseason opener, although his completions were mostly short ones.

"Tyler played great. His numbers were off the charts," Harbaugh said. "He really ran the offense well. Timing was really good in the passing game. I thought the O-line looked pretty good."

Willis, a third-round draft pick from Liberty, started the game for the Titans with Ryan Tannehill held out. Willis scored on a nifty 7-yard run in the second quarter, spinning back toward the Tennessee sideline and then slipping past a couple of Baltimore defenders near the goal line.

Willis went 6-for-11 for 107 yards and ran for 38 yards on five carries.

"He needs to try to throw the ball when guys are open, be more decisive," coach Mike Vrabel said. "Wanted to get him out there and wanted to see how he responded. He did OK."

Safety Kyle Hamilton, a first-round pick this year by the Ravens, recovered a fumble by Julius Chestnut at the Tennessee 22. Baltimore converted that short field, taking a 7-0 lead on a 4-yard touchdown run by Mike Davis.

The Titans led 10-7 before Huntley guided a 10-play, 58-yard touchdown drive near the end of the half. Then Justin Tucker added three field goals in the second half.

## Injuries

Baltimore WR Tylan Wallace and Tennessee CB Chris Jackson left with knee injuries.

## Newcomers shine

The Ravens drafted Jordan

Stout to replace longtime punter Sam Koch. Stout averaged 47.8 yards on four punts Thursday.

Tight end Isaiah Likely, another Baltimore rookie, had four catches for 44 yards, although he also had a couple of holding penalties.

"I probably had a jitter or two pregame, because you look around, and the stadium fits around 70,000?" Likely said. "You've just got to look around and really smile, get a jitter out, and then you got to realize it's football."

## Mid-drive change

The Titans replaced Willis with Woodside in the middle of Tennessee's first offensive drive of the second half — immediately after Willis gained 17 yards on a scramble.

"I wanted Malik to throw the ball," Vrabel said. "And he wasn't."

# Russell's No. 6 being retired across NBA

Associated Press

Bill Russell's No. 6 jersey is being retired across the NBA, a first for the league.

The NBA and the National Basketball Players Association announced Thursday that the number worn by the 11-time champion, civil rights activist and person good enough to be enshrined in the Basketball Hall of Fame as both a player and a coach was being permanently retired by all 30 teams.

"Bill Russell's unparalleled success on the court and pioneering civil rights activism deserve to be honored in a unique and historic way," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said. "Permanently retiring his No. 6 across every NBA team ensures that Bill's transcendent career will always be recognized."

Players who are wearing No. 6 — including the Los Angeles Lakers' LeBron

James — may continue to do so. The number cannot be issued again, the league said.

All NBA players will wear a patch on the right shoulder of their jerseys this season, the league said, and every NBA court will display a clover-shaped logo with the No. 6 on the sideline near the scorer's table.

The Boston Celtics have "separate and unique recognition for him on their uniforms" planned, the NBA said.

Russell died on July 31 at the age of 88. He was the most prolific winner in NBA history, an 11-time champion during a 13-year career — winning the last two of those titles as a player-coach — and the first Black coach in any of the major U.S. pro sports to win a championship.

He marched with Martin Luther King Jr., stood with Muhammad Ali and received the Presidential Medal of Freedom

from President Barack Obama.

And now, Russell gets the same treatment. It also seems fitting that he and Robinson — both barrier-breakers — are linked again. Russell called Robinson a hero, once saying that "he showed me the way to be a man in professional sports."

Robinson, clearly, held Russell in high esteem as well. Rachel Robinson, his widow, asked Russell to be a pallbearer at her husband's funeral in 1972.

"This is a momentous honor reserved for one of the greatest champions to ever play the game," NBPA Executive Director Tamika Tremaglio said. "Bill's actions on and off the court throughout the course of his life helped to shape generations of players for the better and for that, we are forever grateful. We are proud to continue the celebration of his life and legacy alongside the league."

## Brady taking break from Bucs for personal reasons

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Tom Brady was excused from training camp on Thursday, the first day of what Tampa Bay Buccaneers coach Todd Bowles said was a planned, 11-day absence from the team to address "personal things."

Bowles said the 45-year-old quarterback's break from practice was arranged before camp began, adding that Brady won't return until after the Bucs' pre-season game at Tennessee on Aug. 20.

Tampa Bay opens the pre-season Saturday night against the Dolphins.

Backup quarterbacks Blaine Gabbert, Kyle Trask and Ryan Griffin will share snaps during Brady's absence.

Brady, who retired in February only to change his mind six weeks later, was also excused from practice for personal reasons last Friday — two days after getting a scheduled day off for his 45th birthday.

Bowles said his confidence level is "pretty high" that Brady will be in the lineup for next month's regular-season opener

at Dallas.

In other NFL news:

■ New England Patriots running back James White has announced his retirement after eight seasons. White, 30, spent his entire career with the Patriots and won three Super Bowls. A reliable receiver out of the backfield, White is best remembered for scoring the game-winning touchdown in New England's historic comeback win over Atlanta in Super Bowl 51. White set Super Bowl records for points scored in a game with 20 and receptions with 14 as the Patriots rallied from a 28-3 deficit to win 34-28 in overtime on Feb. 5, 2017. It was the largest comeback in Super Bowl history.

■ Hundreds of Black NFL retirees denied payouts in the \$1 billion concussion settlement now qualify for awards after their tests were rescored to eliminate racial bias. A report released Friday shows that 61 men now qualify or will get increased awards. Changes to the settlement made last year are meant to make the tests race-blind. The use of "race norm-

ing" in the scoring made it more difficult for Blacks to prove they had dementia and qualify for awards averaging \$500,000 or more. Now, nearly 650 men who didn't initially qualify have had their tests rescored. And thousands more can be rescored or retested.

### Judge approves equal pay for USWNT

LOS ANGELES — The proposed \$24 million settlement between U.S. women soccer players and the sport's American governing body was approved by a federal judge, who scheduled a Dec. 5 hearing for final approval.

U.S. District Judge R. Gary Klausner granted the motion for approval filed by the players.

Players, including Megan Rapinoe, Becky Sauerbrunn and Alex Morgan, filed a complaint with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in April 2016. The players sued three years later, seeking damages under the federal Equal Pay Act and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act.

The sides settled the working

conditions portion in December 2020, dealing with issues such as charter flights, accommodations and playing surfaces.

### Fowler, Day make early bid in FedEx St. Jude

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Rickie Fowler and Jason Day faced enough stress just to make sure they got into the PGA Tour's post-season. Now that they're here, they want to keep going.

Fowler had a change of caddies and putters and finally started to see some putts fall, though still not enough to his liking. Day recovered from a spiked fever and burning sensation in his eyes and played bogey-free Thursday at the TPC Southwind. Both had a 5-under 65.

That wasn't good enough to lead the FedEx St. Jude Championship, only to hope.

Si Woo Kim holed out from 167 yards in the 18th fairway for eagle to cap off a superb finish of 6-under par on his last six holes, giving him a 62 and a share of the lead with J.J. Spaun.